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Please replace the paragraph [0030], with the following amended paragraph:

Meanwhile at step S11, where the play operation requested by the user is adapted not to reproduce the A/V data recorded on the optical disc into original audio and video signals, but is for copying the A/V data onto another recording medium or another appliance (that is, where the play operation is a data copying operation), it is discriminated that the current data read mode is a data copy mode. Thereafter, the A/V data temporarily stored in the buffer 12a is read and transmitted at a high speed. When reading of data from the disc fails due to ~~detects~~defects on the optical disc or other factors at this time, a conventional re-try play control operation is carried out (S16) by temporarily stopping the operation of reading data, repeating, a predetermined number of times, the operation for reading the recording position where the reading of data has failed, and lowering the current data read speed to a lower speed for reading data from the disc.